FOR MYSORE STATE

St. II-87—40,006—27-10-52.

Home (1948) Department.

MS SERIES.

G.O. No. 4463

Dated 7.11.49

[Despatch Abstract.]

Arms Act and Rules - Administration - enhancement of licence fees - proposal - Note accepted - Grant of Indian - powers - Recorded

Home Deptt.
...

EXPRESS LETTER/REF.474926/49-2 dated 7.7.49.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

ARMS ACT AND RULES - Administration - Enhancement of licence fees.

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Mac Eachen's letter Ms. No.854, Home dated 10-2-1939 in which the Madras Government agreed to carry out the functions under the Arms Act and Rules in return for the licence fees and income derived under the Act and Rules and to say that the cost of administering the Act and Rules has increased considerably since 1939 due to the general increase in the salaries and grant of dearness and other allowances to the officers and the staff employed on the work. The Government of Madras therefore, consider that the licence fees prescribed in the licence forms annexed to the Indian Arms Rules should be increased at least by 50% (in all cases where fees are payable) so as to enable the Provincial Government to meet the increased expenditure on the administration of the Act and Rules.

The Government of Madras are aware that if licence fees under the Arms Act are to be increased, it will have to be done on an All-India basis with the concurrence of all the Provincial Governments, but it is presumed that all the Provincial Governments would welcome such a proposal. I am therefore, to request that the Central Government will be pleased to increase the fees under the Arms Act and Rules by 50 per cent and to issue the necessary amendments to the licence forms in Schedule VIII to the Indian Arms Rules.

The favour of an early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- x x x x x
Deputy Secretary to Government.

P.T.O.

No.9/20/49-Police-I
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

U.K. Ghoshal, Esq., I.C.S.
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Home Department.

New Delhi 3, the 12-9-1949.

Sub:- Arms Act and Rules - Administration - Enhancement of licence fees.

...

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.47492-G/49-2 dated the 7th July 1949, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the question of enhancement of the fees for the various forms of licences under the Indian Arms Act and the Rules from the point of meeting the increased cost of administration has been considered recently. The Government of India are of the view that the Indian Arms Act and Rules should not be administered on a fiscal basis and thus in any case the additional revenue accruing from an enhancement of the fees will not be so considerable as to outweigh other disadvantages and the discontent resulting from such a measure. They regret therefore that they are unable to accept the proposal to increase the licence fees.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- U.K.Ghoshal)

Deputy Secy. to the Govt.

P.T.O.

(Issued as Express letter Ref.No.47492 G/49-2 dated 7.7.49)

From the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.9/20/49 Police-1 dated 12-9-1949.

With a view to meet the increased expenditure on the administration of the Arms Act and Rules, the Government of India were addressed for increasing the fees levied under the Arms Act and Rules by 50 per cent and requested to issue the necessary amendments to the licence forms in Schedule VIII to the Indian Arms Rules.

The Govt. of India have stated that the question of ehhancement of the fees for the various forms of licences under the Indian Arms Act and the Rules from the point of meeting the increased cost of administration has been considered by them recently and that they are of the view that the Indian Arms Act and Rules should not be administered on a fiscal basis and that in any case the additional revenue accruing from an enhancement of the fees will not be so considerable as to outweigh other disadvantages and the discontent resulting from such a measure. They have therefore, expressed their inability to accept the proposal to increase the licence fees.

In view of the Government of India's reply, no further action appears necessary on this file. For orders whether the file may be closed after perusal by H.M.(E & L) and H.M.(Fin.)

Finance may see.

Sd/-
Secy.

Finance Department. (Accts)

(Previous note of Finance at p.4 above).

The further note of Home at p.5 above may be perused and the case returned to them

C.S.K.
28.9.49.

The note on p.5 ante summarises the case. The file may be closed after perusal by H.M.(E & L) and H.M.(Fin.)

Govt. of India are not agreeable to our increasing the fees levied under the Arms Act and Rules. This may be closed for the present.

Sd/- Secy.

H.M.(E & L) K.M.M.
H.M.(Fin.) B.G.R.

The papers may be recorded.

G.O.MS.No.4463 dated 7-11-49

Arms Act & Rules - Administration-enhancement of licence fees - Proposal not accepted by Govt. of India - Papers recorded.

Sd/- Asst. Secy.

(True copy)

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

RCB/